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CADIZ, Aug. 24. *O. S.*

ON the 21ſt of July at 10 a Clock at Night, Sir Geo. Rooke ſet Sail from Torbay: On the 30th in the Morning he arriv'd at Cape Finiſterre; but not finding Sir Stafford Fairborns there, the place appointed for his Station; Sir Geo. Rooke lay by for 4 Days to wait for him, employing that time in ſending abroad to the Groyne and elſewhere, and in ſpreading the Fleet. On the 3d of Auguſt a Council of War was held by the General and Flag-Officers, in which it was agreed that the Fleet ſhould forthwith proceed to the Rock of Lisbon: in the way thither came in the Plymouth, one of Sir Stafford Fairborne's Squadron, with Advice that Sir Stafford was 9 or 10 Leagues to the S. W. of us, being forc'd from his Station by Streſs of Weather. On the 8th in the Morning the Orford came in with Advice that Sir Staff. Fairborne return'd to his Station off Cape Finiſterre on the 6th, and is making all the Sail he can after us. Yeſterday the Lime was ſent to Lisbon with Letters to Mr. Methuen. About one in the Afternoon Sir Stafford Fairborne joyn'd the Grand Fleet, upon which the whole Fleet kept on their Courſe without making any ſtay at the Rock of Lisbon. On the 10th the Prince of Heſſe Darmſtadt and Mr. Methuen Junior, came to us from Lisbon. a Council of War was held the next Morning, and that Night Mr. Methuen return'd. On the 12th another Council of War was held, and at 3 Afternoon the Fleet came before Cadiz, and Anchor'd about 2 Leagues from the Place. Several Fiſhermen were that Afternoon brought in, but no Intelligence cou'd be got from them that might be depended on. On the 13th a Council of War was held, in which the manner of Landing the Forces was agreed on, and that it ſhou'd be near Port St. Maries, in order to become firſt Maſters of that Place, and afterwards to cut off all Communication between Cadiz and the Main Land: in the Afternoon a Trumpet was ſent to Cadiz, with a Letter from the General, he was civilly treated and return'd with an Anſwer from the Duke de Brancaccio the Governor, importing that he would acquit himſelf honourably of the Truſt that was repos'd in him by the King of Spain. Mean time the Fleet weigh'd Anchor, and ſtood in nearer for the Forces to Land on the 14th by Break of Day, but Orders having been given too late on the Night of the 13th for things to be in readineſs, the Landing is deferr'd till to Morrow. On Saturday the 15th the Duke of Ormond landed his Forces in the Bay of Bulls, above a Mile on the Left of St. Katherine's Fort, the Cannon of which fir'd upon us all the while, but did no other Miſchief than taking off the Legs of 3 or 4 Dutch Soldiers. The firſt that landed were 1200 Grenadiers led by Brigadier Pallant and the Lord Donnegal, they were oblig'd to wade to the Shore, and ſo were all very wet. Mean time our light Frigates which were order'd near the Shore for that purpoſe, kept firing on the Horſe that appear'd on the riſing Grounds. The Officer that commanded theſe Horſe, had 3 or 4 Squadrons with him, but could not prevail with more than 30 to come down with him, which they did with great reſolution, charging with Sword in hand a Plattoon of about 50 Engliſh that were juſt got on Shore, but were ſo well receiv'd that the Commander immediately fell with 7 or 8 of his Company, and the reſt retir'd. The Duke of Ormond as ſoon as the Forces were landed, ſent a Drummer to Summon the Fort St. Katherine, and the Governor anſwer'd, that he had Cannon mounted with Powder and Ball ſufficient to receive him. On the 16th in the Morning the whole Army march'd to a Camp mark'd out for them near La Rotta, a Town within a League of the place where we landed our Men, from which moſt of the Inhabitants were fled; but ſtrict orders being given againſt all plundering or doing any Injury, many of them are return'd well pleas'd with the Duke's moderation. Some Cannon were found mounted on the Walls, and about 1000 Fire Arms in a private Houſe. when our Artillery is got on ſhore we ſhall march to Port St. Maries. A Deſerter came in this Morning, being an Iriſh Man, who has been for theſe 8 Years in the Spaniſh Service: He ſays there are but few Horſe in this part of the Country, and thoſe moſtly compoſed of Militia, and that there are not above 5 Battallions of Foot in Cadiz, all Spaniſh, very weak in their Numbers, and the Men indifferent. On the 20th in the Evening, the Army decamp'd (a Garriſon of 300 Men being firſt left at La Rotta for ſecurity of that Place, under command of Collonel Newton of the Guards) in order to take in Port St. Mary and St. Catherines Fort. About a League from the Camp at a defile, ſome Spaniſh Horſe (600 as a Deſerter the next Morning inform'd us) fired upon our advanc'd Guards, and kill'd Lieutenant Collonel Gore's Horſe of the Dragoons, and ſhot through his Coat and Saddle. Some Grenadiers were order'd forthwith to ſuſtain them, upon which the Enemy retir'd. Here the Army halted, and lay upon their Arms till break of Day, when they march'd again in 4 Lines, and in a little time came up with about 6 Squadrons of the Enemy's Horſe, who retreated when our advanc'd Guards came within ſhot of them. We came to the Town of Port St. Maries about 10 a Clock, from whence Lieutenant Collonel Pearce of the Guards was commanded with a Detachment of Grenadiers to attack the Fort of St. Katherines, who ſoon beat the Enemy from their Outworks, notwithſtanding their Fire, at which the Garriſon retreated into a round Tower, but upon the bringing down of two Field-pieces they yielded themſelves at diſcretion; twenty four pieces of Cannon were found here. About 120 Men, of which 20 were Officers, having got into a Houſe in this place, a little diſputed the matter with us at our firſt Entrance, but ſoon after yielded themſelves Priſoners of War.

A Council of War is to be held this Morning, to conſider of fit meaſures for attacking Cadiz.

The Letter above came from Cadiz *by the* Dunwich *Frigat, which left that place on the* 29th *of* Auguſt, *and arriv'd in* Portland *Road on the* 13th. They write from Weymouth of the 14th, that the Captain of the Dunwich reported when he came aſhoar, That after the taking of Fort St. Catharine, the Dutch Soldiers plunder'd Port St. Mary. That our Forces were going to attack Fort St. Cruce, otherwiſe call'd Fort Matagorda, where lay 6 French Men of War and 8 Galleys, and that the Bomb-Veſſels were ready to play upon it. That the French Admiral having

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2000 Men on board had offer'd to reinforce the Garrison of Cadiz with a Detachment of them, but was told by the Governor that he hoped he had Spaniards enough to defend the place, And that Sir George Rooke had sent some light Frigats to Tangier which were very kindly treated there.

London, Sept. 17. We hear that Collonel Codrington, Governor of the Leeward Islands, having made necessary Preparations to drive the French out of the Island of St. Christophers, intended to have commanded in Person, but falling Sick, the Conduct of that Enterprize was left to Collonel Hamilton. The French made very little resistance but came to some terms of Capitulation. The French Governor, apprehending that he should be attack'd by the English had sent away before in a Vessel, his Wife and Family and the Value of Sixteen Thousand Pounds in Money and Goods, which Ship is taken by the Privateers of Barbadoes. And they write from Bristol, on the 14th, that a Sloop was arriv'd there from Mountserat which he left July 18. The Master of which reports that the French Colony in the Island of St. Christophers had Surrender'd after the first firing: that the English have taken the Islands of St. Bartholomew and St. Martin: and that 16 Barbadoes Privateers had attack'd and burn'd the Westend of Guadalupe.

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